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Angie Lynn Hallsted Named Financial Services Champion of the Year 2008

Casper – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration has named Angie Lynn Hallsted, Certified Public Accountant, Maldoon & Stack, LLP, as Financial Services Champion of the Year 2008. This award will be presented to her on Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Annual Chamber Dinner to be held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel & Convention Centre in Casper. Steve Despain, District Director of the Wyoming Small Business Administration, will be presenting Ms. Hallsted with this award. Angie was nominated by Lee B. Maldoon, partner of Maldoon & Stack, LLP

This award is given to an individual who assists small businesses in obtaining financing, either directly or indirectly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services. The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Angie Hallsted has put in many hours in the pursuit of educating business owners and staff to the importance of proper accounting records to help make informed business decisions. This can, at times, be a daunting task, similar to teaching a foreign language, but she is persistent and finds a way to help. Angie is active outside her office with the local Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club, she is a past president of the local chapter of the Wyoming Society of Certified Public Accountant's as well as acting as a financial and tax advisor for some local non-profit organizations.

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